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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs

The Senate Committee on Appropriations rejected the Administration's proposed 40% cut in the funding for juvenile justice programs in their approval of the FY 2005 spending bill for Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary (CJS). The Senate joined the House in rejecting the cuts, providing level funding for juvenile justice, compared to FY 2004 level. While both bills recommend level funding for juvenile justice, there are some significant differences between the House and Senate bills around key programs, including Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, Title V and others.

The Senate bill included \$30 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, while the House bill provides \$60 million (level-funding from FY 2004). The State Formula Grants (Title II) would receive \$85 million in the Senate version and \$84 million in the House version. The Senate version provides \$87 million for the Title V Local Delinquency Prevention Grants, with \$67 million of the total going towards earmarks. The House recommends \$80 million for Title V, with only \$55 million of the full amount for earmarks. Under the Senate version, the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Block Grant Program would receive \$5 million, which is \$5 million over the FY 2004 allocation and the House's recommendation.